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Re: Overrated Trout Streams

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Quote:

tomgamber wrote:

If a stream had both wild and stocked fish and you were casting to a rise...you would not know whether that fish was wild or stocked until you had at least 10 seconds of fight done or possibly even when you got it to hand. As many of you admit, sometimes it hard to tell the difference unless you really look at one.

With that in mind, if your only reason for a stream to be overrated is that the fish are stocked, then the only thing overrated are your expectations.

I do fish for stockies sometimes since most of the streams near home are stocked. But, nothing is more annoying to me than fishing for stocked fish with weenies when there is a hatch of mayflies or caddis being totally ignored by the stockies. Or stocked fish "chasing their tailpipes" as Mo so aptly described in another thread, all clustered in a hole or clustered in random areas based on where they were stocked.

When stocked fish are in the water for a while and begin to act more "normal" they are okay to fish for, and holdovers and grown up fingerlings get honorable mention, but overall I prefer to fish for wild fish for their beauty, fight and more natural behavior. If a stream relies on the white fleet, it is not a top-rated stream in my book, at least not in PA, where we are blessed so many spectacular wild trout streams.

Those that only fish for stocked trout don't really know what they are missing. It's like going to Epcot Center in Orlando, visiting "Italy" or any other "country" and believing they've seen and experienced the real thing!

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